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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KATSUMI OTSUKA ) : Examiner: J. Jeanglaude  
Appln. No.: 10/814,510 ) : Group Art Unit: 2819  
Filed: April 1, 2004 ) :  
For: VARIABLE-LENGTH DECODING )  
APPARATUS AND METHOD, :  
COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND )  
COMPUTER-READABLE :  
STORAGE MEDIUM ) : February 14, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 12, 2004 (February 12, 2005, being a Saturday), please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claim changes are reflected in the listing that begins at page 3, proposed drawing changes and new drawing sheets are identified beginning at page 7, and the Remarks begin at page 8.

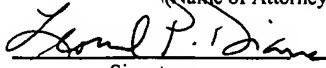
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